

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2038
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INTEGRATED EDUCATION FOR DISABLED CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Integrated Education for Disabled Children (IEDC) scheme was launched ten years ago;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the total children covered under this programme is 1,20,000 whereas only 93,449 are actually receiving help;
- (c) if so, the main reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government exhorting the States to utilize this fully funded scheme;
- (e) if so, whether most of the States have given accounts till 1998-99 as reported in the Times of India dated the January 19, 2002 under caption 'States go limp on scheme for disabled', and
- (f) if so, the steps taken or being taken by the Union Government to mobilize States to use the full funds in time?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

- (a): The Centrally sponsored Scheme for Integrated Education for Disabled Children was launched in 1974 and is presently being implemented by the Department of Secondary & Higher Education in the Ministry Human Resource Development.
- (b)&(c): As against the projected coverage of 90,000 disabled children in the regular schools during the 9th Five Year Plan period, more than 1.33 lakh disabled children have been covered till date.
- (d)to(f): The Government of India has been impressing upon the States and U.Ts. to fully utilize the funds released to them so that they can obtain addition funds.